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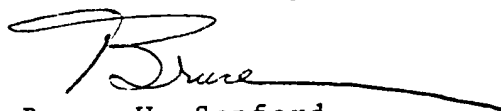
Mr. William J. Casey
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Dear Director Casey:

May I, on behalf of the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi, thank you for an informative and useful discussion last Wednesday concerning the problems which the Freedom of Information Act has brought upon the Central Intelligence Agency. As you well know, American journalists have an abiding concern not only for the unique American tradition of openness in government but also for the preservation of an effective intelligence force in a world grown dangerous for democracy.

The Society of Professional Journalists hopes that the dialogue you so graciously commenced between the Agency and press organizations will continue.

Yours sincerely,


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